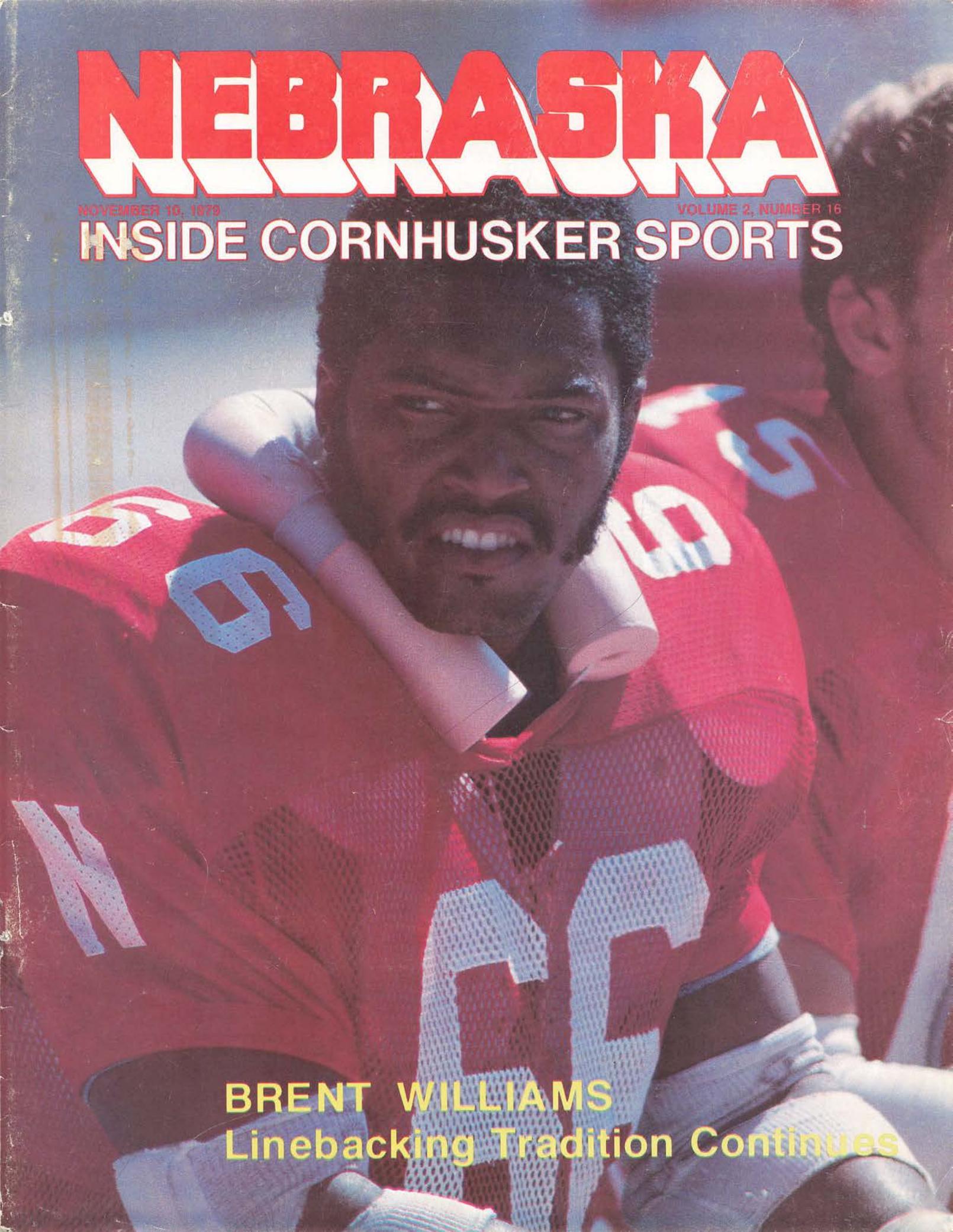


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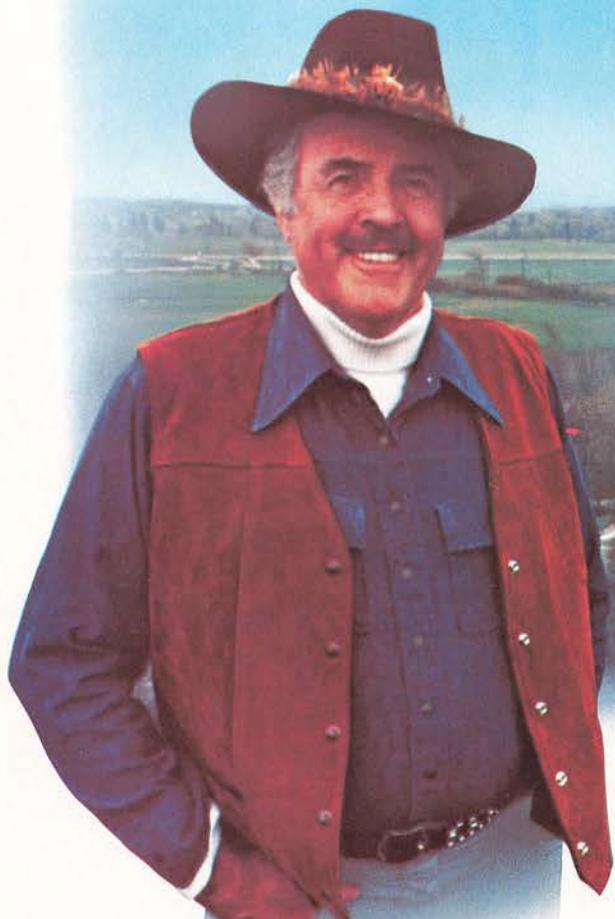
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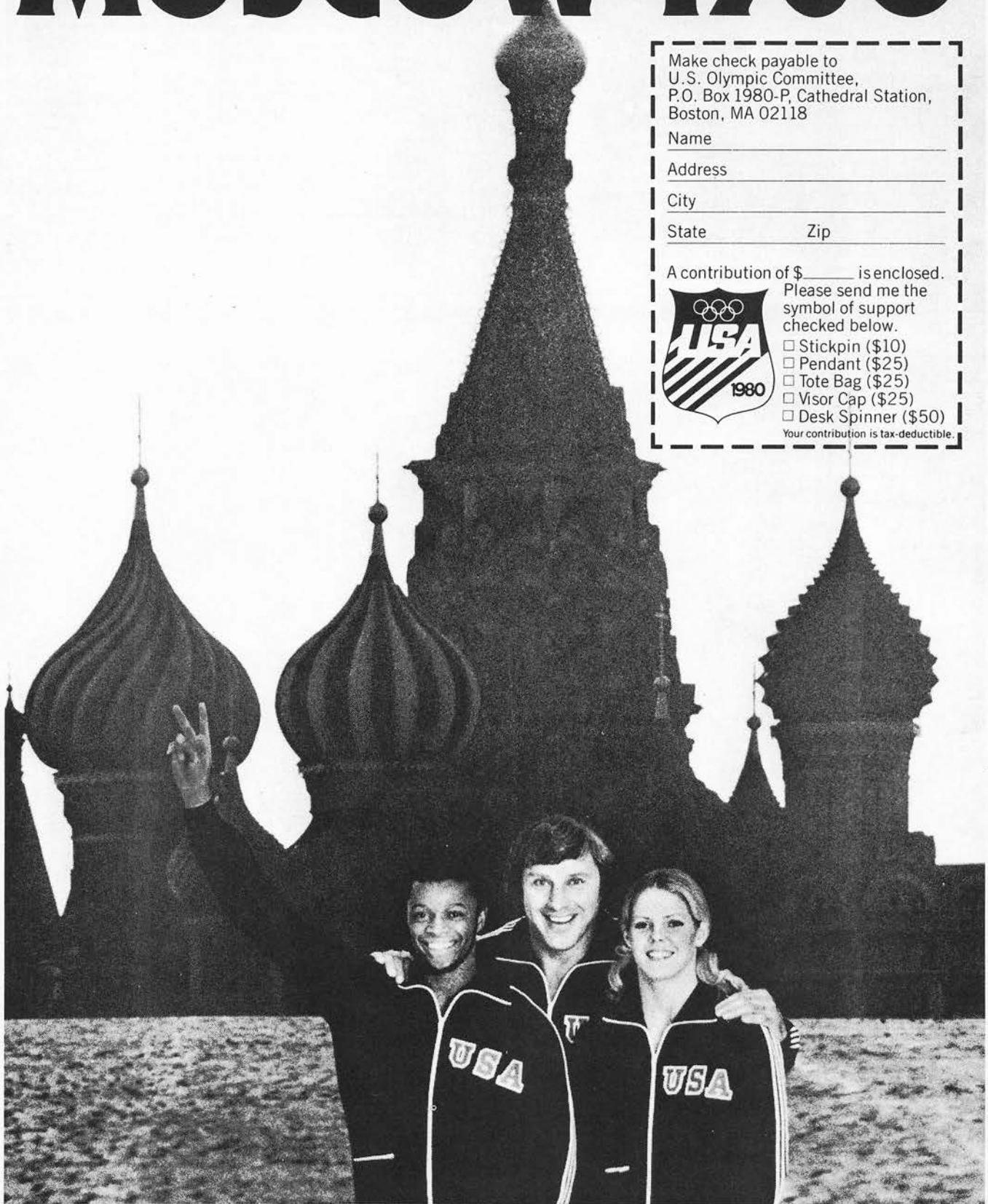
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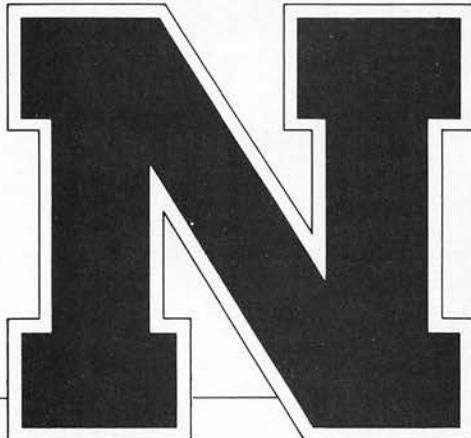
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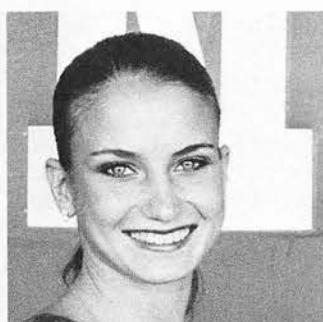
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HUSKERS HANG ON 23-20

The Big Sack

by Charlie Smith

It was exactly 4:28 p.m., Central Standard Time.

Faurot Field was covered by the shadows cast by the late fall sun. Three seconds were left on the stadium clock. Missouri quarterback Phil Bradley took the snap from center. All eyes in a vociferous crowd of 74,575 were riveted on Bradley.

Well, almost all eyes. Nebraska I-back Craig Johnson later admitted he couldn't watch.

"I was sitting on the bench," said Johnson. "I couldn't bear to watch. There were a lot of players standing in front of me. I was just waiting to see us start jumping up and down — instead of hearing the crowd roar."

What Craig envisioned happened.

Nebraska players did begin jumping up and down. And running out onto the field, too.

That's because defensive end Derrie Nelson, with no one picking him up, bore down on Bradley and flattened the Missouri quarterback. The game was over. Nebraska had won 23-20.

Missouri, operating from the Nebraska 11-yard line, passed up a field goal attempt and an almost certain tie.

That, of course, would have spoiled Nebraska's perfect record and possibly ended the Cornhuskers' hopes for a national championship. But Warren Powers, an assistant at Nebraska for eight years,

later said he never seriously contemplated kicking the field goal.

"Our football team wasn't ready to play a team like Nebraska for a tie," said Powers. "We needed that win in a bad way to stay in the conference race. I never did consider going for the field goal, unless it was fourth down from around the 25-yard line or so. I don't think my kids wanted to go for the field goal; they wanted the win."

For sure, the victory was Nebraska's narrowest escape of the season. Not even the earlier 24-21 victory at Iowa was as close as this one.

In an ecstatic Nebraska dressing room, Nelson explained the final sack:

"We were rushing both ends. I didn't get picked up and I came up free. You don't ever really think something like that is going to happen. I thought he'd get the pass off. But not after I was on him. I was grabbing at his arms. I wanted to make sure he wasn't going to get off some little pass of some kind."

As for Bradley, Nelson said, "He didn't say a word. I think he was just in disbelief. He knew it was over."

Missouri scored two touchdowns in the final minute of the third quarter to tie the score at 20-all. And Nebraska, with Jarvis Redwine sidelined with a knee injury, looked particularly vulnerable for an upset.

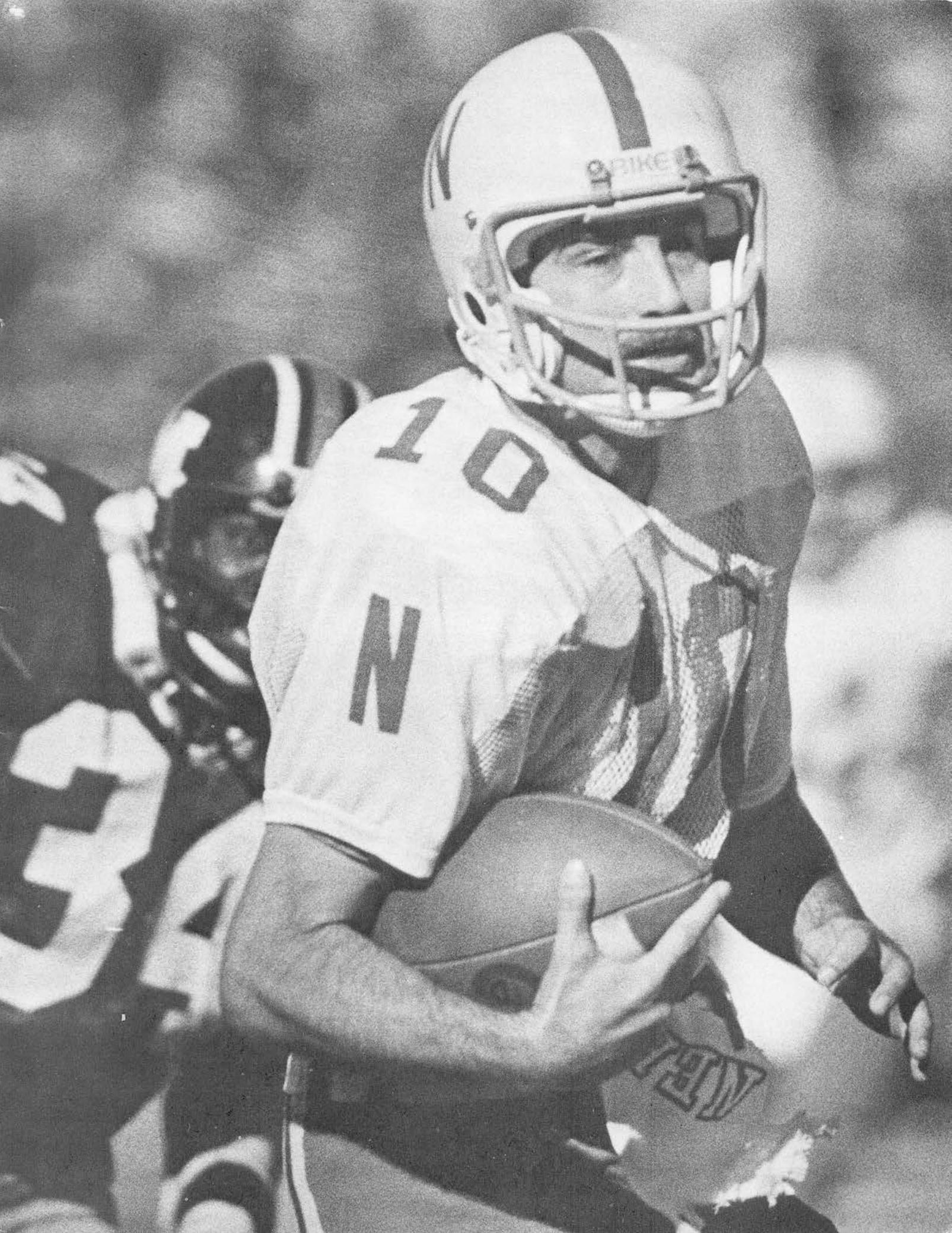
Instead, though, Tom Osborne inserted Jeff Quinn at quarterback and Johnson at I-back for the final thrust.

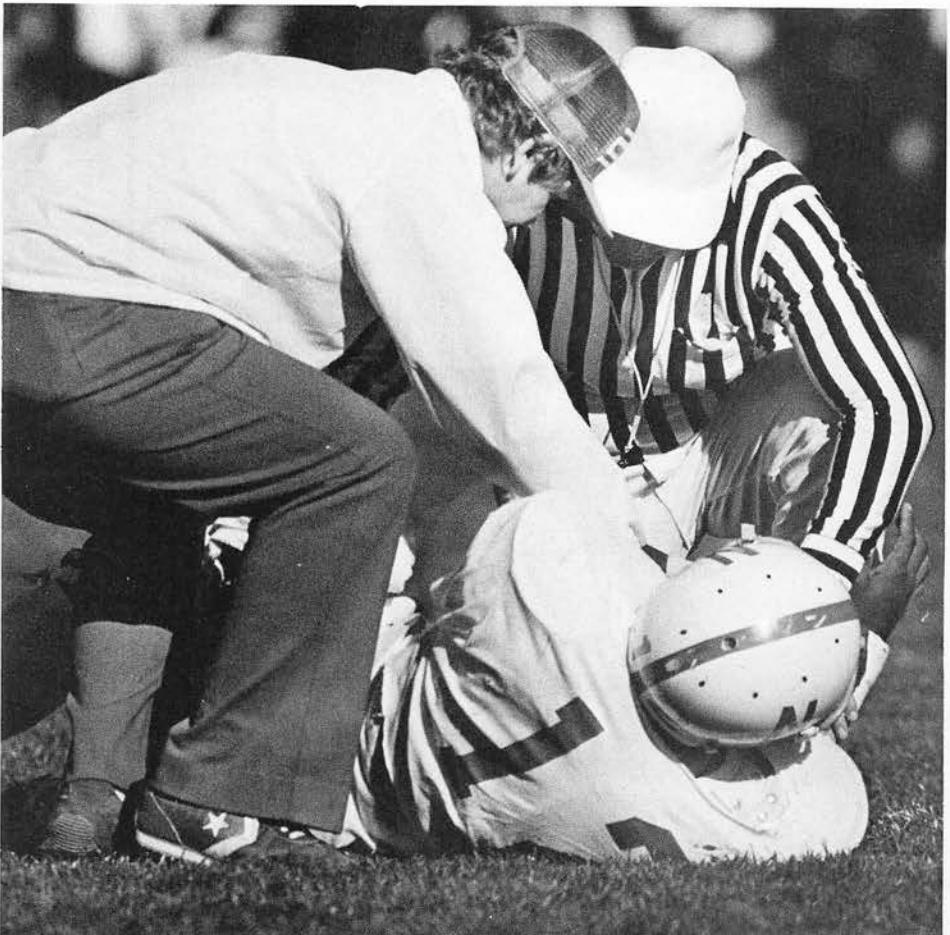
Starting at the Nebraska 37, the Cornhuskers punched 62 yards to the Missouri one. The drive began with 7:31 remaining and Johnson carried seven times in the 11-play march. But Mizzou was equal to



Tom Osborne, left, sends in a play with wingback Kenny Brown (22), while alternate Anthony Steels (33) listens. Quarterback Tim Hager (10), right, is loose on a 42-yard run, his career high which set up Nebraska's second touchdown early in the second quarter.

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the challenge after Nebraska had picked up a first down at the three.

First, Andra Franklin gained two, then Johnson was repelled twice. Kurt Petersen broke through to dump the junior I-back on third down after a pitch from Quinn.

In trotted Dean Sukup and his 19-yard field goal sailed true with 3:15 left.

The Tigers weren't ready to call it a day, though. Instead, they started from their 20 and raced to a first down at the Nebraska 11. Big plays included an 18-yard pass to Ron Fellows, a face-mask penalty against Nebraska and a 15-yard pass to Gerry Ellis.

Bradley's pass to Ellis came with eight seconds left. He tried a pass to Andy Gibler which was incomplete and left the clock stuck on 0:03.

Missouri called for a timeout, but Jeff Brockhaus did not trot onto the field. That alone indicated the Tigers would go for the bundle.

"I'm not going to second-guess Warren," said Osborne. "He's a good coach. It's his decision. I'm not going to say what he should have done. I'm on the other side of the field and it irritates me when other coaches do that to me. They did what they had to do."

Bradley stayed sprawled on the natural grass after Nelson's hit. He was offered congratulations and a hand by Husker co-captain Tim Smith as players from both teams swarmed onto the field.

For a long time last Saturday, it appeared Nebraska would win its eighth straight with ease. But Redwine suffered an injury to his right knee midway through the second quarter on an extra-point kick after Nebraska's second touchdown.

He was helped from the field. He returned for a couple of carries on the Huskers' next series, but could not play in the second half.

"He said someone went after his knees and hurt him," said Osborne. "I'm anxious to look at the film. Maybe the guy just tripped. But he said the guy made no effort to block the kick. I guess we'll see."

Osborne used I. M. Hipp and Johnson after Redwine's injury, but it was Johnson who was in the lineup on the crucial drive to the winning field goal.

"I'm glad I'd been playing some before that," said Craig. "If I hadn't, it would have been tougher. I'm glad he had the confi-

Jarvis Redwine (12), top, showed fine form early, but was nailed while trying to block (bottom) on the Huskers' extra-point kick after the second touchdown. Assistant trainer Jerry Weber and an official attend Redwine, who suffered a strained right knee.

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Name	Years of Play	School	Year Installed
Ed Weir*	1923-1925	Nebraska	1971
George Sauer*	1931-1933	Nebraska	1971
Guy Chamberlin*	1913-1915	Nebraska	1971
Bobby Reynolds	1950-1952	Nebraska	1972
Roy (Link) Lyman	1919-1922	Nebraska	1972
Tom Novak	1946-1949	Nebraska	1972
Lloyd Cardwell	1934-1936	Nebraska	1972
Charlie Brock	1936-1938	Nebraska	1972
Dave Noble	1922-1924	Nebraska	1972
Sam Francis	1934-1936	Nebraska	1972
Virgil (Joe) Lindahl	1937-1940	Wyane State	1973
Oscar Wiberg	1923-1926	Neb. Wesleyan	1973
Vic Halligan	1912-1914	Nebraska	1973
Glenn Presnell	1925-1927	Nebraska	1973
Johnny Rodgers	1970-1972	Nebraska	1973
Rich Glover	1970-1972	Nebraska	1973
Dr. George Flippin	1891-1894	Nebraska	1974
Lawrence Ely	1930-1932	Nebraska	1974
Pat Fischer	1958-1960	Nebraska	1974
Randy Rasmussen	1964-1967	Kearney State	1974
Bill Engelhardt	1953-1956	Omaha U.	1974
Clarence Swanson*	1919-1922	Nebraska	1974
Johnny Bender	1900-1904	Nebraska	1975
Verne Lewellen	1921-1923	Nebraska	1975
Warren Alfson	1938-1940	Nebraska	1975
Johnny Knolla	1938-1940	Creighton	1975
Dennis Claridge	1961-1963	Nebraska	1976
Fred Shirey	1935-1937	Nebraska	1976
Cliff Squires	1946-1949	Neb. Wesleyan	1976
Bernie Masterson	1931-1933	Nebraska	1977
Bob Brown	1961-1963	Nebraska	1977
Joe Arenas	1947-1950	Omaha U.	1977
Sylvester V. Shonka	1909-1911	Nebraska	1978
Edward E. 'Blue' Howell	1926-1928	Nebraska	1978
Jerry Tagge	1969-1971	Nebraska	1978
Marlin Briscoe	1963-1967	Omaha U.	1978
Arthur Stevenson	1935-1937	Hastings	1979
Cletus Fischer	1945-1948	Nebraska	1979
Wayne Meylan	1965-1967	Nebraska	1979
Larry Jacobson	1969-1971	Nebraska	1979
Elmer Greenberg	1927-1930	Nebraska	1979
Daniel McMullen	1925-1928	Nebraska	1979

Coaches

Fielding Yost*	1898	Nebraska	1971
Dana X. Bible*	1929-1936	Nebraska	1971
L. McC. (Biff) Jones*	1937-1941	Nebraska	1971
E. N. Robinson*	1896-1897	Nebraska	1971
Fred Dawson	1921-1924	Nebraska	1971
Bob Devaney	1962-1972	Nebraska	1971
Allen H. Zikmund	1955-1971	Kearney State	1977
Al Caniglia	1960-1974	UNO	1979

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dence to put me in there."

Johnson finished as the Cornhuskers' leading rusher with 98 yards on 17 carries. Franklin had 81 yards, Redwine 36 and Hipp 22. The game ended Redwine's five-game streak of gaining more than 100 yards.

The contest began in 49-degree temperatures under a bright sun. And Nebraska wasted no time gaining command.

In their first possession, the Cornhuskers rampaged 67 yards in a mere five plays. Franklin ran 50 yards on the Huskers' second play from scrimmage for a first down at the Missouri 9. Redwine scored from three yards out with 12:01 left in the first quarter.

But the Missouri defense rose up and stopped Nebraska without a first down on the next three possessions. That brought the capacity crowd, second largest in Missouri history, to life.

And the Tigers began to mount some offense of their own. Starting at their 39, they unleashed James Wilder near the end of the first quarter. An 18-yard run by the 215-pound running back was his longest run of the season and put the ball on the Nebraska 43. Bradley also connected with a 17-yard pass to Terry Hill.

And, on the first play of the second quarter, Ellis scored from the one. Ron Verrilli's

extra-point kick was wide, however. The Missouri touchdown ended a string of 20 straight touchdown-less quarters by the Nebraska defense.

The Huskers, though, retaliated immediately with a 79-yard scoring drive of their own. One of the big plays was a 12-yard pass from Tim Hager to Kenny Brown.

From the Missouri 44, Hager slipped outside right tackle and scampered 42 yards to the Mizzou 2. The Nebraska quarterback scored from the one on a sneak.

Then, late in the second quarter, Nebraska began another scoring drive. Johnson had a 24-yard run to the Missouri 30. The drive stalled at the seven, though, and Sukup booted a 24-yard field goal.

The Cornhuskers appeared to have the game well in hand when Bill Barnett pounced on a Wilder fumble at the Missouri 30 early in the third quarter. Tom Vering caused the fumble with a solid hit.

The Huskers moved to the nine before stalling and Sukup again knocked home a field goal. This one traveled 26 yards and left Nebraska on top 20-6 with 9:24 left in the third quarter.

Missouri moved back into the contest with an elongated drive near the end of the third quarter. The Tigers marched 90 yards in 12 plays.

I. M. Hipp, right, plows into Missouri cornerback Bill Whitaker (30) on this second-quarter gainer.

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Bradley passed 25 and 16 yards to Wilder and added a 13-yarder to Fellows for a first down at the Nebraska 5. On fourth down from the four, Gibler was wide open in the end zone. Bradley hit him with 23 seconds left in the third quarter.

The Tigers went for a two-point conversion, but the pitchout to Wilder fell short when Mark LeRoy and Barnett nailed him at the four.

Only eight seconds would elapse, however, before the score was tied.

Anthony Steels gathered the kickoff in at the Nebraska one. He was tackled near the 15 by Fellows — Steels later said Fellows' helmet knocked the football loose — and Missouri's Orlando Pope caught the fumble in midair at the 17.

He fought through one tackle and scored standing up. Bradley's pass to Tim Hornof deep in the end zone was good for two points and a tie game.

It was at that point that Nebraska defensive end coach George Darlington was



Craig Johnson cracks for yardage before being corralled by Mizzou tackle Scott Harrell (93). Legs at far left don't belong to Johnson, but to an unidentified Husker blocker.

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on the telephone from the pressbox with Nelson, who had left the game with a sprained ankle earlier in the third quarter.

"He just said that if there was any way I could get in there, I should do it," Derrie said later. The 6-2 junior from Fremont made the effort.

It took a long time before Nelson's presence was felt. But his timing couldn't have been better for Nebraska.

The last play — Nelson's cannon-like sashay into the Missouri backfield — preserved Nebraska's perfect record.

"I don't know where the backs were," Derrie said. "They must have been up the middle."

Said Osborne, "I figured they might try to cross their tight end underneath. We used a different kind of blitz. I guess maybe we'd used it once before in the game. We must've covered pretty well. Bradley still had some time to scramble. That's his long suit. Bradley had enough time. He just couldn't find any receivers."

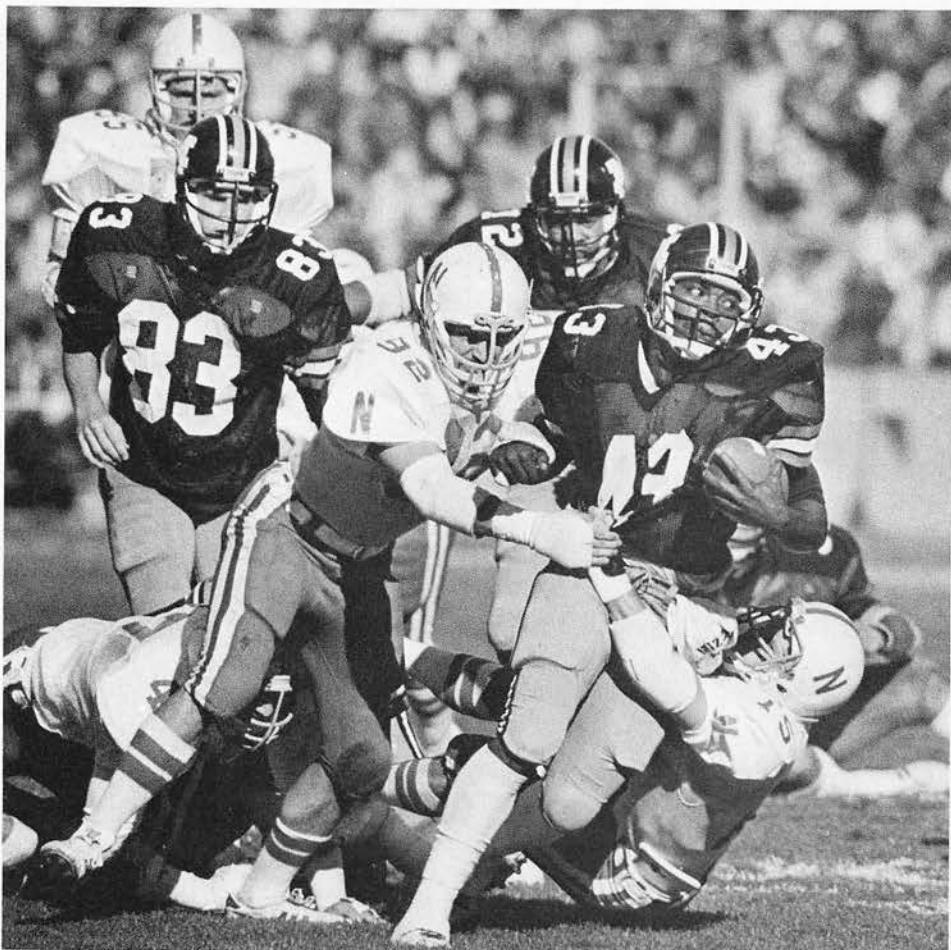
Bradley said the play was intended to be a pass to Wilder over the middle. "But he got knocked down," said Bradley. "By the time he got up, he was covered."

Darlington, the defensive end coach, chided Nelson for making "only one play all day."

But Derrie had the last laugh:

"Yeah, but for a one-legged guy, I guess it wasn't too bad."

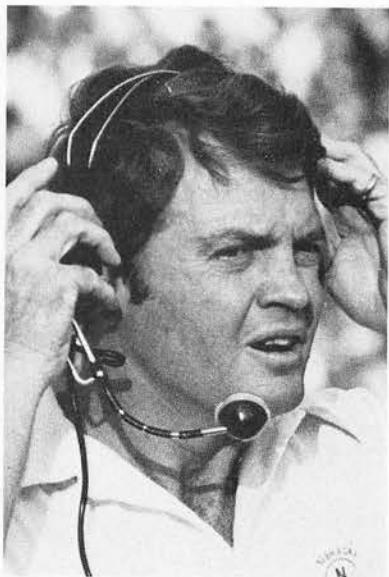
For Nebraska, it was good enough. **N**



Derrie Nelson (92) and Ric Lindquist (15) put the clamps on Missouri running back Gerry Ellis (43).

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The Coaches Say:



TOM OSBORNE,
Nebraska

About what a close game now might mean later on:

"It was a tough game. This is the kind of game that will serve us well in the next three games. We've got some tough ones coming up. Winning one like this is better for us than steamrolling over someone."

About how the Huskers failed to put the game away when they had the chance:

"We were within a touchdown of getting the game under control several times. The only play I wish I could have over was that third-and-one at the goal. Last year in the same situation, we ran inside and scored on them. When that didn't work we tried going outside, but they looped out on us."

WARREN POWERS,
Missouri

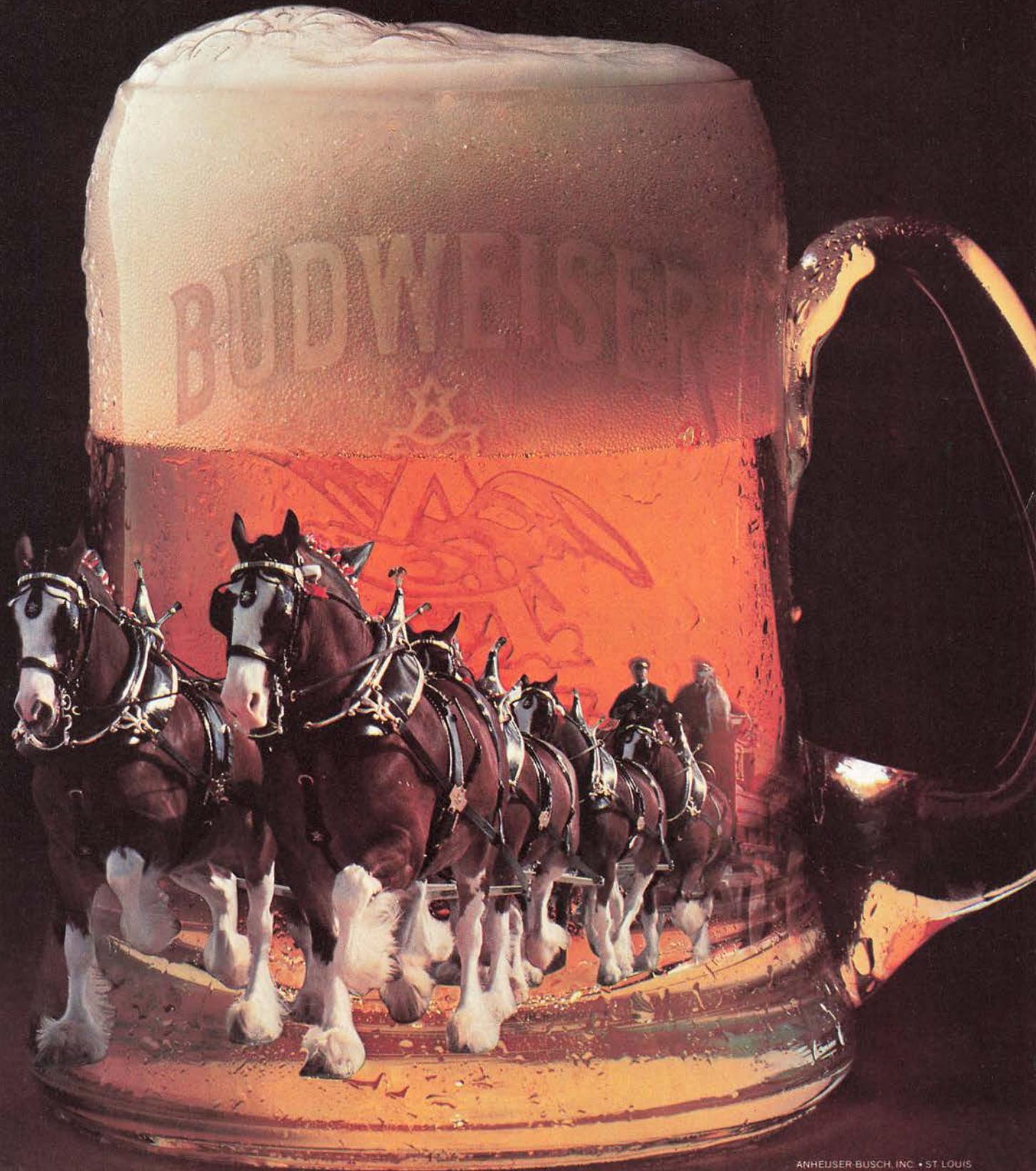
About how his team kept Junior Miller from catching a pass:

"Most of the day we had Wendell Ray lined up over Miller. Wendell is a big guy and he did a great job of containing Miller. I thought Ray played a great game. The whole defense played hard. They never gave up and they kept us in the ball game."

About Missouri's overall play:

"It was definitely our best game of the year. We moved the ball and we didn't let them drive the distance on us every time they had the ball. We didn't save anything; the players left everything they had on the field."

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Double Stinger

by Charlie Smith

There have been many pleasant surprises on this Nebraska football team. On offense there has been Tim Hager, Jarvis Redwine and an offensive line that Cletus Fischer rebuilt virtually from scratch — just as he does every year. And on defense there has been the consistency of the defensive line and exceptional play from such lesser lights as Derrie Nelson and Mark LeRoy.

But if there is one area that has stood out, one spot that has been far better than anyone could have forecast, that position would have to be linebacker.

And the reasons for that number six — Brent Williams, Kim Baker, Tom Vering, John Ruud, Steve McWhirter and Steve Damkroger.

"As long as the defensive linemen keep the other guys off our linebackers, they're going to look good," says John Melton, who's in his 18th season at NU and his ninth as varsity linebacker coach. "Our defense is built around keeping those guys off our backers."

What Melton is saying is that as long as the defensive interior does its job, the linebackers will be able to roam free and make a majority of the tackles. And that's the way it's always been at Nebraska — through some fine linebackers. Like Jerry Murtaugh, Clete Pillen, Bob Nelson, Tom Ruud and Lee Kunz.

And this year's tandem of Williams and Baker appears to be carrying that tradition. Both are juniors, so they'll be around another year. They've played ahead of seniors Vering and Ruud. And waiting in the wings are McWhirter and Damkroger, freshmen who were redshirted a year ago.

"We're going to have those two three

more years," smiles Melton. "I should have a very pleasant spring."

Williams, a 6-1, 225-pounder, has enjoyed an outstanding season. He was projected to be the Cornhuskers' starting weakside linebacker before spring practice began in the wake of Kunz' graduation. And he has not been a disappointment.

"He is really a good player," says defensive coordinator Lance Van Zandt. "But we thought he would be when we recruited him. We don't like to take a junior college player unless we feel he can start for two years."

Williams was a 1978 mid-semester transfer from Los Angeles Southwest Community College. Before his visit to Nebraska he had traveled only once before out of his native California — and that was only as far as Phoenix.

"I visited San Jose State and UCLA," says Williams. "I sort of had to make up my mind in a hurry. I didn't have a lot of time, transferring at mid-semester."

And so, how was his visit to Lincoln?

"Well, it was about 10 degrees below when I stepped off the plane. That shook me up a little."

Williams is an articulate youngster, though, and his period of adjustment probably was less than most. He played the 1978 season behind Kunz, chalking up 139 minutes of playing time.

"I played in a majority of the games," says Brent, "and there's nothing like game-type experience."

As for the unaccustomed cold on his first visit, he says, "I was looking for more than whether it was warm or cold. Mainly, I wanted to be happy and get a good education."

Were it not for the presence of George Cumby at Oklahoma and John Corker at Oklahoma State, Williams would be a shoo-in for All-Big Eight honors this fall. As it stands, he still may make it, but he's going to have to overcome the previous

successes of the others.

"We knew he had the ability," says Melton. "He's a hard-working kid and he's smart. He's one of the best open-field tacklers we've had in a long time — very aggressive."

Williams met New Mexico State fullback Ray Locklin earlier this season on a quick opener up the middle. And Locklin, who also weighs in at 225 pounds, retired to the sideline with a shoulder separation.

"The guy is really a serious football player," says Van Zandt. "You talk about intensity. There's no bull about him. He is a great example of how a player should practice."

Baker's rise to the first unit has been less predictable. The 6-2, 212-pounder is a product of York, Nebraska. He was redshirted in 1977 and suffered a knee injury last year in the Hawaii game.

"The knee had been bothering me quite a bit before," recalls Kim. "I just had some cartilage in the joint and I couldn't bend it. They had to take it out."

As it was, the injury wasn't that much of a disappointment. Baker recalls that he was perhaps the number six linebacker at the time. "It would have been a lot tougher if I'd been the third backer — or on the first unit."

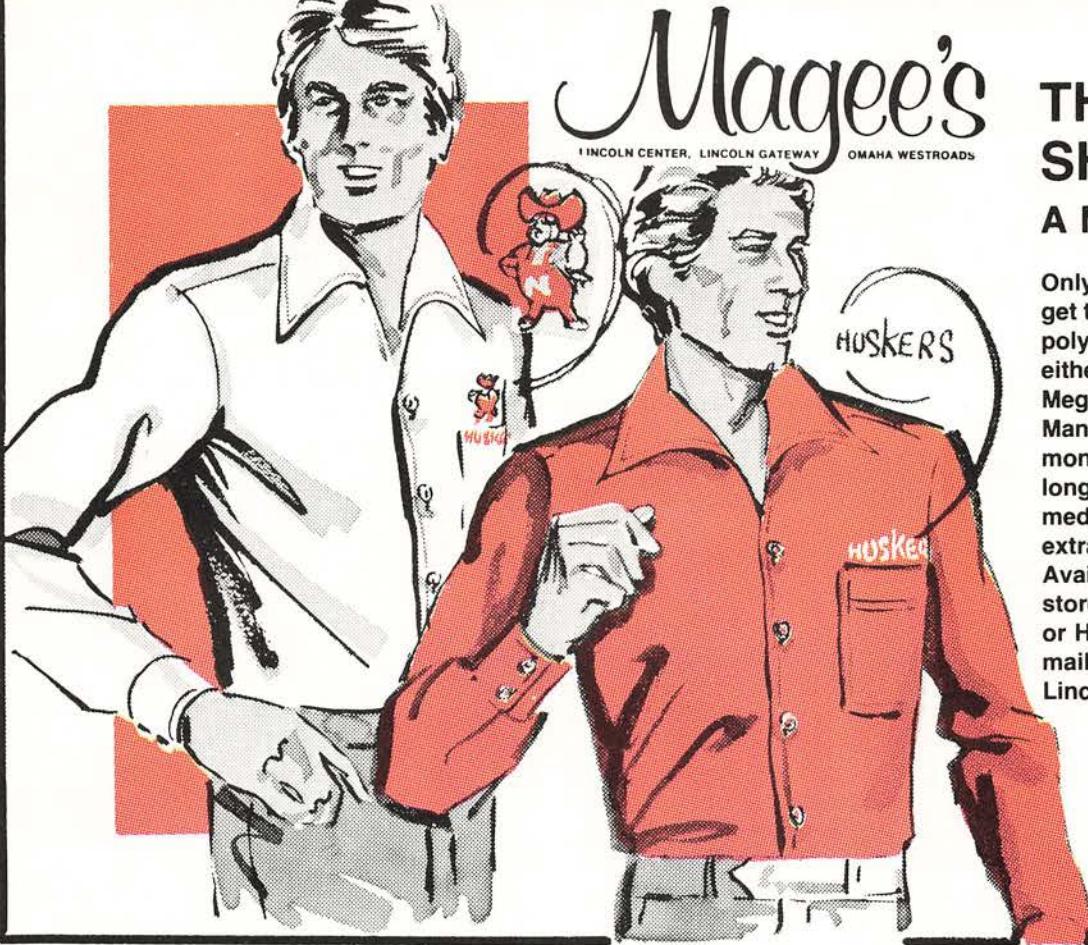
Kim was quick to establish himself at the start of spring practice, though. He moved into the strongside linebacker spot after the first week. Though he has been a starter all season, he hasn't played much more than Vering, who started as a walk-on from Fremont, Nebraska.

"Baker has shown the most improvement of anybody we have," Melton says. "He has really come along faster than anyone expected."

Adds Van Zandt, "Melton kept saying, 'Baker really is playing well.' And I know he must be or he wouldn't be playing ahead of Vering because I think he's a damned

Kim Baker (41) wraps up this Penn State ball carrier while linebacking saddlemate Brent Williams (66) moves in to apply the finishing touches.

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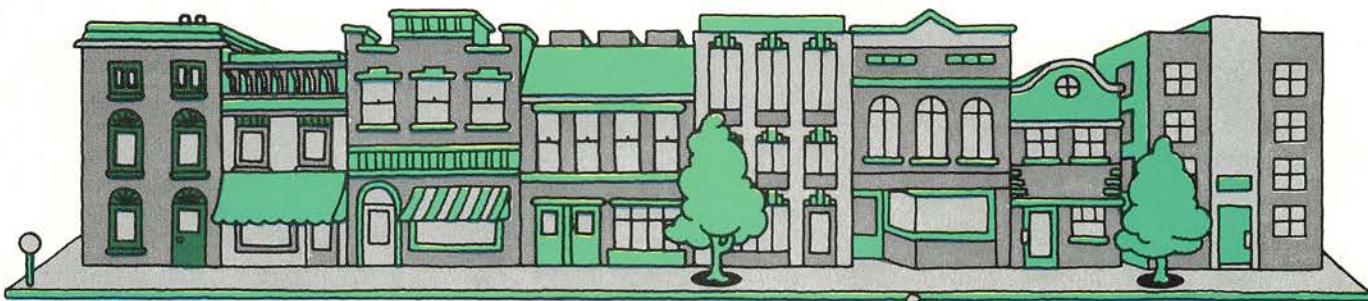
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good football player."

While Williams thought about going elsewhere out of junior college, Baker never gave another school a second thought.

"They sort of feel here that if they want to offer a scholarship, you'll want to come," says Baker, relaying the prevailing sentiments of Nebraska toward Nebraska high school football players. "It's a nice school, and definitely a good place to play football, so I saw no reason to look around any further."

The fact that Baker and Williams will have two years together while McWhirter and Damkroger are maturing speaks well for Nebraska's linebacking corps in the near future.

"You kind of get a feel for playing with somebody," Baker says of his pairing with Williams. "It helps to work with one person. Then you know what the other guy can do and can't do. But, really, all the linebackers try to help out each other."

Reiterates Williams, "It's real good when you can play with somebody all the time. You both get to know how each other thinks and that makes things quite a bit easier."

Melton, of course, has seen all the good Nebraska linebackers in the last two decades.

"These two are probably as good as any pair we've had," he says. "But I think McWhirter and Damkroger will be good together, too. They have the size. All they need is experience."

By the time McWhirter and Damkroger are ready to take over in 1981, they'll be seasoned veterans. Anyone waiting for Nebraska to be caught short on linebackers may find cobwebs attached to his heels. **N**

Baker (41) gives New Mexico State quarterback Butch Kelly (11) a frontal view of what Nebraska's linebacker blitz looks like.

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BIG RED GALLERY

FULL SPEED AHEAD

Craig Johnson, with the accelerator floor-boarded, flips his engine over to cruise control en route to his school record 94-yard touchdown run against Kansas. The Jayhawks' Delvin Miller (31), a cornerback, chased Johnson more than 60 yards before diving and missing near the 15-yard line.

Johnson broke away on the final play of the third quarter against KU. Though he's not known for his speed, none of the Jayhawks was able to gain ground on him.

Nebraska's reserve I-back said he never heard anyone chasing him, but he knew someone must be. He revealed that he wanted to turn and see where his pursuers were, but figured if he did it would slow him down. Hence, he kept his gaze focused on the goal line — and said he was "amazed" when he reached it.

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OFFENSIVE LINE RIPENS

'If You Stay, You Play'

by Randy York

Whoever said great athletes are born, not made, has never really zeroed in on Nebraska's offensive line on a year-to-year basis.

Over the last two decades, Clete Fischer has made a habit of taking raw material no one else wants and molding it into talent which challenges for national championships.

"We're not like Southern Cal or Alabama," says center Kelly Saalfeld, the All-America candidate in this year's rebuilt Nebraska line. "We haven't had the all-

polish are the usual requirements.

There's a saying about Nebraska football. It goes something like, "if you stay, you play."

Nebraska's offensive tackles are classic examples. Left tackle Mark Goodspeed and right tackle Dan Steiner are both fifth-year seniors who made their first collegiate varsity start in the Husker opener against Utah State.

Junior Randy Schleusener had the same distinction. Only Saalfeld and senior left guard John Havekost, who started occa-

thing people fail to realize is we work with 25 to 30 offensive linemen every day, not just the five starters. Every year, at least 15 are exposed to the very same things as the starters every day in practice.

"We get so concerned about comparing kids' physical abilities, we forget how much the mental part of football means. Around here, it means a lot."

So much that Saalfeld is convinced a freshman starter in Nebraska's offensive line will be about as rare as Haley sees his comet.

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Saalfeld should know. He's a product of what he's promoting. Nebraska has made him. He hasn't made Nebraska.

Sometimes, to be an offensive lineman at Nebraska, you have to have more patience than an elementary school teacher on the afternoon before Christmas vacation break.

Opportunity rarely knocks for the early-bird. Practice, patience, poise, pride and

sionally last year, can be considered veterans.

Fischer and fellow offensive line coach Milt Tenopir, thus, are completing another major reconstruction task in fairly typical fashion.

Kansas coach Don Fambrough had an accurate observation about Nebraska's offensive line. "The only thing that ever changes," he said, "are the names."

The Huskers always seem to be rebuilding in the offensive line . . . and always seem to get the job done.

"People put too much emphasis on returning starters," Tenopir says. "One

"This system is complicated," Saalfeld says. "It's next to impossible for a freshman to step in and start. There's just too much to learn. It's not that it's overly complicated. It's just geared for athletes to come in here and grow physically and mentally first."

Saalfeld needed that growth to even surface, let alone survive.

Buck privates in the Army have more credentials than he carried to Nebraska. He didn't even make all-conference at Columbus Lakeview High School. Most of his ability was in his mind . . . and his heart.

He thought he could make it in the big time and the big time was willing to give

him that chance.

"It was a fantasy," he said. "It always has been since I was growing up."

The 250-acre Richard Saalfeld farm six miles north and one mile west of Columbus didn't create access to any neighborhood games. But there was a radio in the kitchen and the excitement of Nebraska football was there every fall Saturday.

"I always fantasized I was Marv Mueller because he was a co-captain from Columbus and an Academic All America," Kelly recalled. "I liked Bill Bomberger because he was from Columbus, too. I thought Wayne Meylan was good because he looked like a football player should look."

"I had a lot of favorites — Frank Solich, Bob Churchich and Kelly Petersen. He was a center from Cozad, but I liked him mostly because of his name. I always thought my name was a girl's name. Every time he'd do something, my mom would say: 'See, there's another Kelly and he plays for the Big Red.' "

Actually, Kelly had nothing against girls, even then. His make-believe football world outside was even shared with younger sister Kris.

"It's amazing how good-looking she is now — as many times and as hard as I used to hit her," Kelly said. "She was my only choice."

When it got to be too much and Kris refused to play stool pigeon, Kelly had no choice himself. "She'd make me center the ball, then she'd kick it," he remembers.

Kris Saalfeld, a sophomore co-ed at Nebraska, survived the sessions without harm. A former Miss Teenage Nebraska, she now models and is frequently seen on television commercials.

While she watches her weight closer than a Charlie's Angel, Kelly has few limits with his 6-4, 253-pound body.

At a recent luncheon interview, he ordered a large salad, a bacon-lettuce-and-tomato sandwich, a bowl of bean soup and a combination plate with hamburger and french fries.

"I'd eat more," he said, "but this afternoon's a big practice."

Nebraska's nationally-recognized weight program has performed a miracle on Kelly. He's put on 50 pounds since reporting as a scared, weak-kneed walk-on.

"I was an offensive tackle as a freshman and during my sophomore redshirt sea-

son," Kelly recalls. "Then, when Keith Bishop was having problems with his grades, they asked me to move to center."

For Saalfeld, "It was like moving to a new part of the country. The difference was amazing. I'd played center all through high school, so I knew how to snap and set. But the calls, the terminology and the technique were all different."

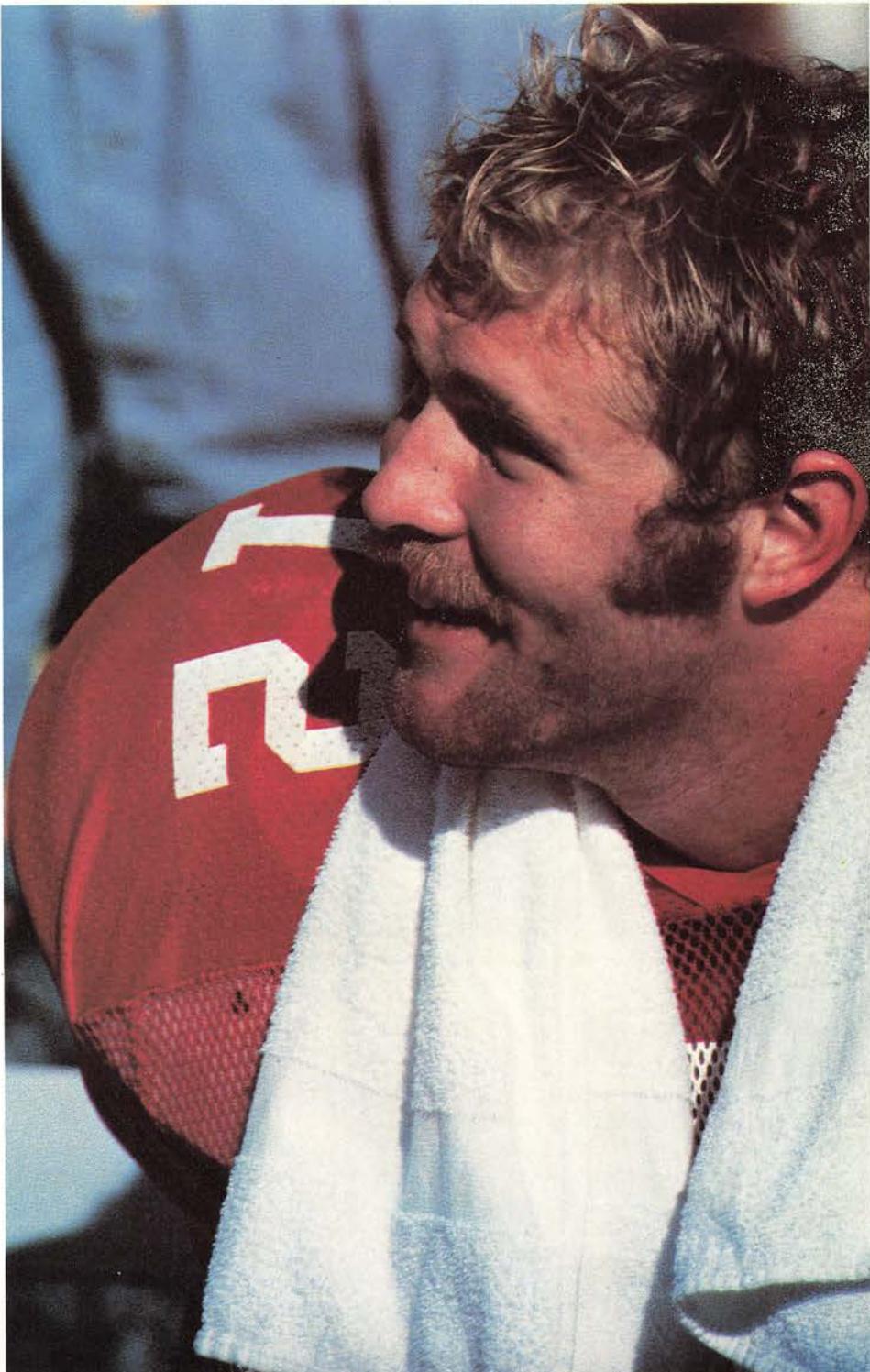
Saalfeld, though, didn't have time to worry. He had to absorb and absorb fast because Bishop transferred to Baylor. That

made him the backup for All America Tom Davis.

When Davis was hurt against Iowa State, Saalfeld was forced to play three quarters. He started later in the season against Kansas when Davis was hurt again.

"I'm lucky. I've never really had a serious injury in five years here," Saalfeld said. "My childhood was much more traumatic than my college football career, that's for sure."

Saalfeld was, he admits, accident-prone. He broke his left arm at age 6, then



Mark Goodspeed (72) reflects on a job well done while resting after another Husker touchdown march. Goodspeed, like so many other Nebraska offensive linemen, was not a starter until his fifth year.

Ted Kirk photo

again at age 7. "I fell out of a swing the first time," he says. "I was trying to parachute like the guy on 'Ripcord.' I fell off a horse, riding bareback, the next time."

Knocking out a tooth while riding the merry-go-round was no big surprise to his parents. Neither were stitches in his arm after falling into a barbed-wire fence while fishing. Concussions playing flag football and falling off a bail rack were cause for concern, but just two more incidents in a series of misadventures.

crushing halt "when I did a somersault during a recital and smashed right into this girl. I landed on top of her. I think it embarrassed my folks. They told me I could quit."

Quitting, though, has never entered Kelly's mind at Nebraska — just as it's never entered the minds of Goodspeed and Steiner, two men who waited forever for their big chance under the lights.

Steiner, 6-1 and 238, and Goodspeed,

Injuries have hounded him since he first walked on campus as a highly-touted All America from Kansas City's Rockhurst High School.

Lesser individuals would have checked in their uniforms and headed for greener pastures a long time ago.

Goodspeed left, all right. He went to Toronto, Canada, shortly after Nebraska started its drive to a Big Eight co-championship last season.

But it wasn't because he quit. He left for a



Randy Schleusener (53) works on the sweep against Kansas. Schleusener will be the lone returning starter in next year's offensive line.

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Through it all, Saalfeld's parents kept their faith in Kelly. They even may have planted the seeds for his tremendous balance as a center by signing him up for ballet lessons when he was a first-grader.

"My parents watched Lawrence Welk and I saw a tap-dancer on there I thought was neat," Kelly recalls. "They thought maybe lessons weren't such a bad idea. I took 'em for a year, but they ended up more ballet than tap."

Kelly's career as a dancer came to a

6-6 and 260, are the classic Mutt and Jeff act.

"You look at Steiner and you swear to God, he can't do it," Tenopir said. "If you're looking for a body-building model, you don't want him. But if you're looking for someone who's going to win for you, you have to play him. He'll hang all over you until he gets the job done."

Goodspeed is just the opposite. He looks like Tarzan. The only trouble was he used to play like Jane.

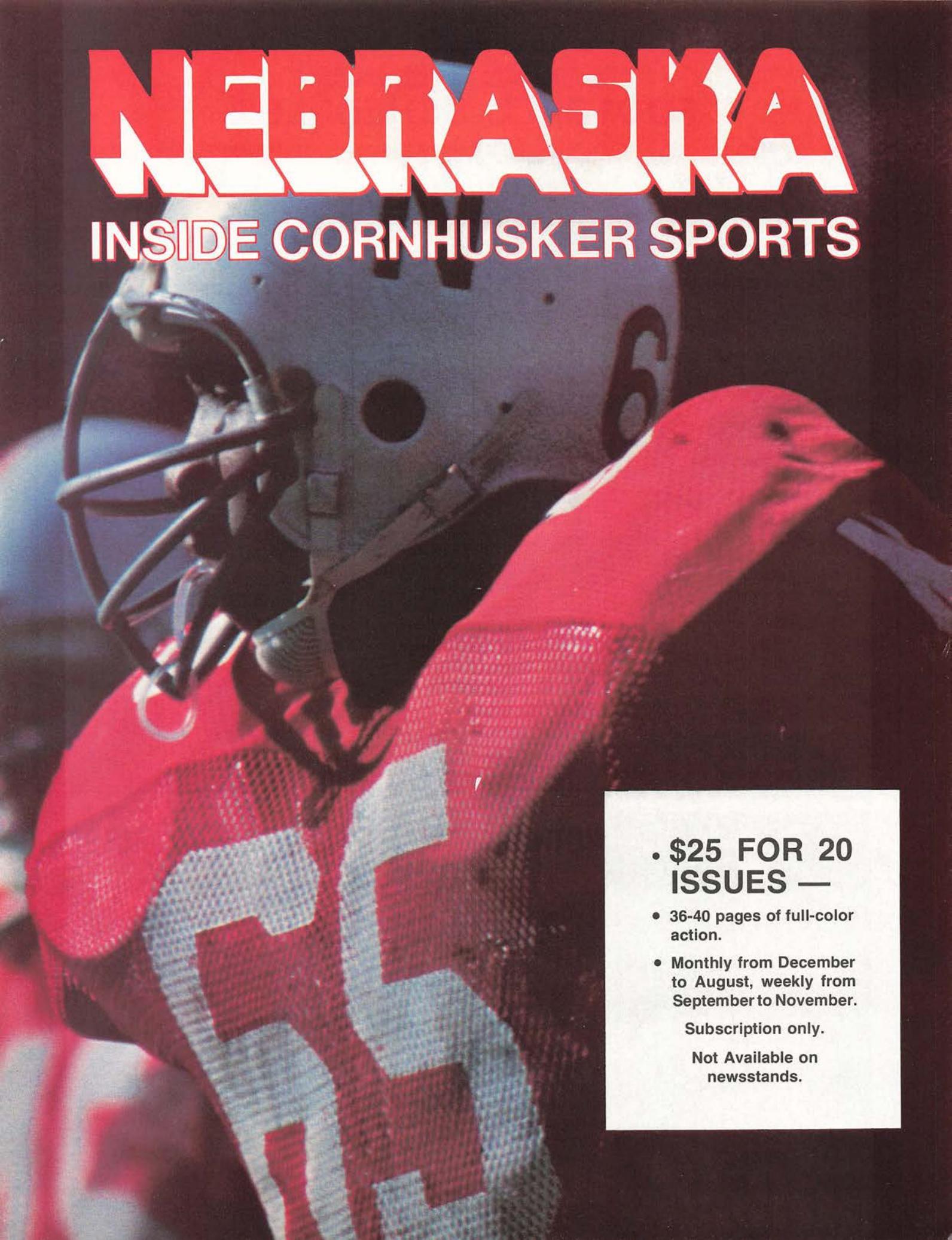
shot of papaya juice, which is illegal in this country. The papain, an enzyme extracted from unripe papaya, dissolved a ruptured disc in Goodspeed's back. Former Husker and now Oakland Raider Monte Johnson underwent the same process a few years ago.

"It was worth it," Goodspeed says. "I've been around here too long to blow my one, final chance."

It was something he made for himself . . . not something he was born with. ■

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Sept. 12 — at Iowa
19 — Florida State
26 — Penn State
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10 — Colorado
17 — at Kansas State
24 — at Missouri
31 — Kansas
Nov. 7 — at Oklahoma State
14 — Iowa State
21 — at Oklahoma

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Sept. 11 — Iowa
18 — New Mexico State
25 — at Penn State
Oct. 2 — at Auburn
9 — at Colorado
16 — Kansas State
23 — Missouri
30 — at Kansas

Nov. 6 — Oklahoma State
13 — at Iowa State
20 — Oklahoma

1983

Sept. 10 — Wyoming
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Oct. 1 — Syracuse
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15 — at Missouri
22 — Colorado
29 — at Kansas State
Nov. 5 — Iowa State
12 — Kansas
19 — at Oklahoma

1984

Sept. 8 — Wyoming
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Nov. 3 — at Iowa State
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1985

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SCOUTING REPORT

Kansas State Wildcats



by Ellen Parker

Mrs. Dickey must be worried. Naturally, she wants her husband, Kansas State coach Jim Dickey, to lead his team to victory against Nebraska. She's also rooting for her son Darrell, the Wildcats' promising freshman quarterback, to do well in his first year of college play.

Why, then, should she balk at the possibility of her husband putting in their son to direct the Cats' offensive attack this Saturday?

Well, one could compare the situation to that of the proverbial unprotected lamb being thrown to the salivating wolves. If young Darrell is to be cast onto the Nebraska field to face the Huskers' defensive wolves, Mrs. Dickey would prefer that her lamb at least be guarded from harm by a big, strong offensive line.

But Mrs. Dickey knows better. That's why she's probably feeling a bit uneasy.

Papa Dickey is none too confident, either, about how his offense will fare against Nebraska or any other future opponent this season. The Wildcat offense has already lost its starting quarterback, Sheldon Paris, for the season (he suffered a dislocated shoulder in the Iowa State loss); Dickey is now making it clear to his offensive line he wants them to toughen up against the opposing defense so the Cats' reserve quarterbacks will have a fighting chance to get some points on the board, and stay healthy long enough to do it.

Before the season's start, prognosticators were throwing around such adjectives as "explosive" and "powerful" to describe the K-State offense, but the same forecasters were shaking their heads in dismay at the thought of the Wildcat defense. The underdog defense has surprised everyone, though, with its stingy early performances. By the end of the Iowa



Jim Dickey, now in his second year at the Wildcat helm, is enduring a difficult season. Many of K-State's football woes have been blamed on an often inept offensive line.

State game, the defense had established a new school record by going 12 quarters without allowing an opposing touchdown.

The offense, though, has been more of a whimper than a bang. Besides having more than its share of interceptions and lost fumbles, it went into the Oklahoma game with an eight-quarter touchdown drought.

Paris was taking a lot of the early season flak for the offensive ineptitude, but coach Dickey stood up for him. "It's very frustrating if the quarterback can't handle the ball without getting tackled. We have a very, very poor offensive line."

Now that opposing defenses no longer have Paris to kick around, the quarterbacking task will go to either Dickey or Paul Hobbs. About either young quarterback's chances against Oklahoma, here's what coach Dickey had to say: "All I can say is that whoever is playing quarterback for us against Oklahoma is going to get beat up." During the game, Dickey inserted his own son to face the mighty Sooner defense. And, from all reports, young Darrell performed reasonably well.

It's safe to assume Dickey is harboring similar fears about the fate of his quarterbacks during this week's game. Unless he plans on serving up his son as an hors d'oeuvre on the already awe-inspiring lunch menu of Rod Horn and Company, Dickey had better perform some miracles with his offensive line.

Mrs. Dickey knows it. Just for the record, don't count on seeing Darrell's mom perched in a 50-yard line seat in KSU stadium for the upcoming game. She just might choose this Saturday to stay home.

OFFENSE

LINE — No need to elaborate much on this tale of woe. It's the biggest line in Kansas State's history, size-wise — proof that bigger doesn't always mean better.

The only returning starter playing at the same spot as last year is right tackle Walt Wywadis. Left tackle Jim Miller saw action at tight end and guard last year; this is his first season as a full-time tackle. Junior college transfer Kerry Wilson starts at center. Chuck Bowling is a former center, but now mans the right guard position. Sophomore Amos Donaldson plays left guard; KSU coaches are hoping he'll mature into a solid offensive starter.

RECEIVERS — At the start of the season, Dickey was calling his receiving corps of Eugene Goodlow, John Liebe and Eddy Whitley "the best in the conference." Time hasn't been kind to Dickey's pass catching group. Goodlow, the Big Eight's 1978 Offensive Newcomer of the year, quit the team after the Tulsa loss, leaving the starting flanker job to his backup, Phil Pickard.

Starting tight end Eddy Whitley has had



L. J. Brown has been K-State's most consistent running threat and ranks among the Big Eight's rushing leaders.

an injury-plagued season so far. Second-stringer Doug Catloth consequently has seen a lot of action as a freshman.

Good news about split end John Liebe: he's alive and well and performing nicely at the position he's manned since 1977.

QUARTERBACK — Starter Sheldon Paris is out for the year. Junior Paul Hobbs and freshman Darrell Dickey are both unseasoned, but now share the quarterbacking responsibilities nevertheless. Here's two young men who must grow up quickly.

RUNNING BACKS — Lots of promise in this area, although frequent fumbles have marred the effectiveness of the running game. Running back L. J. Brown is performing consistently well; he had a 22-carry, 200-yard outing against Air Force earlier this season. He's backed up by freshman Keith Dearing, one of the most talented young backs in the league.

Starting fullback Roosevelt Duncan suffered a shoulder dislocation earlier, but may return for the Nebraska contest. Speedy Darryl Black was injured at the start of the season, but he's back at the starting fullback position.

OVERALL — A lot depends on the per-

formance of the offensive line. The linemen must protect the young quarterbacks; the neophyte passers will be uneasy enough as it is without the Cornhusker defenders constantly breathing down their necks. Ready-and-willing backs and receivers are available if the quarterbacks can manage to get the ball to them.

DEFENSE

LINE — The defense had switched schemes from last year's 5-2 set to a 4-3 to better utilize its personnel.

The line lost one of its most potent performers when tackle Rob Houchin was injured earlier in the season. He's out for the year. Filling the left tackle spot is converted linebacker Ben Landry. Letterman Monte Bennett plays the other tackle position.

James Walker started at linebacker last year, but he plays left end this season. Former center D. L. Johnson is the starting right end.

LINEBACKER — Like the defensive line, no big names here, but the starters are doing good jobs.

Tyrone Crews and Tim Faerber, both relocated defensive ends, and junior college transfer Ronnie Wilson are the top

men at linebacker. Tim Cole and sophomore Vic Koenning share the remaining linebacking slot.

SECONDARY — This area has been the most injury-riddled of all. Three members of the Wildcat starting secondary are out for the season.

Safety Brad Horchem's spot is being traded off between freshman Mike Kopsky and last year's other letterman safety Sam Owen. Owen also is seeing duty at right cornerback, backed up by junior James Robinson. Sophomore Phil Switzer started several games last year at left safety; he's the choice as the starter there in the absence of ailing Greg Best and Steve Schuster.

OVERALL — The defense has been a pleasant surprise. But now that most of the big guns are out for the season, how the defense will perform against Nebraska remains a question mark.

KICKING

When the offense finally mustered a touchdown against Oklahoma, Don Birdsey failed to put through the PAT. It's just been one of those years for Dickey's Wildcats.

Field-goal kicker Butch Stocking is showing signs of finally coming around after some early-season problems. Going into the Oklahoma skirmish, he was four of five on the season.

Two-year starter Birdsey's punting has been on again, off again. He had a good game against Oregon State; he was nominated for Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week for his 43.3 average with only two punts returned.

SERIES

The series stands at 51-10-2, with K-State on the short end. KSU has beaten Nebraska only once since 1960. Last year the Huskers drowned the Cats 48-14.

INJURIES

Quarterback Darrell Dickey suffered bruised ribs, but it probably will not keep him out of action against Nebraska.

RECORD

Kansas State stands 3-5 after last Saturday's 36-28 loss at Kansas. The Wildcats scored the biggest upset of the Big Eight Conference season the week before, knocking off Missouri 19-3. That victory was K-State's first conference road win since 1973.

Dickey was impressive both weeks. He completed 15 of 25 passes for 187 yards against Missouri and came back with a 19-for-29 day and 306 yards against the Jayhawks.

K-State moved the football well against KU, rolling up 480 yards total offense. **N**

YOU'RE THE COACH

Nebraska's rushing statistics took a tumble last week. The Cornhuskers were held to 291 yards rushing in the 23-20 victory over Missouri, far below their 384-yard average per game.

Junior I-back Jarvis Redwine's rushing average also dropped. Held out in the second half because of a knee injury, Redwine was stopped at 36 yards on nine carries. And that caused his per game average to fall to 115.6.

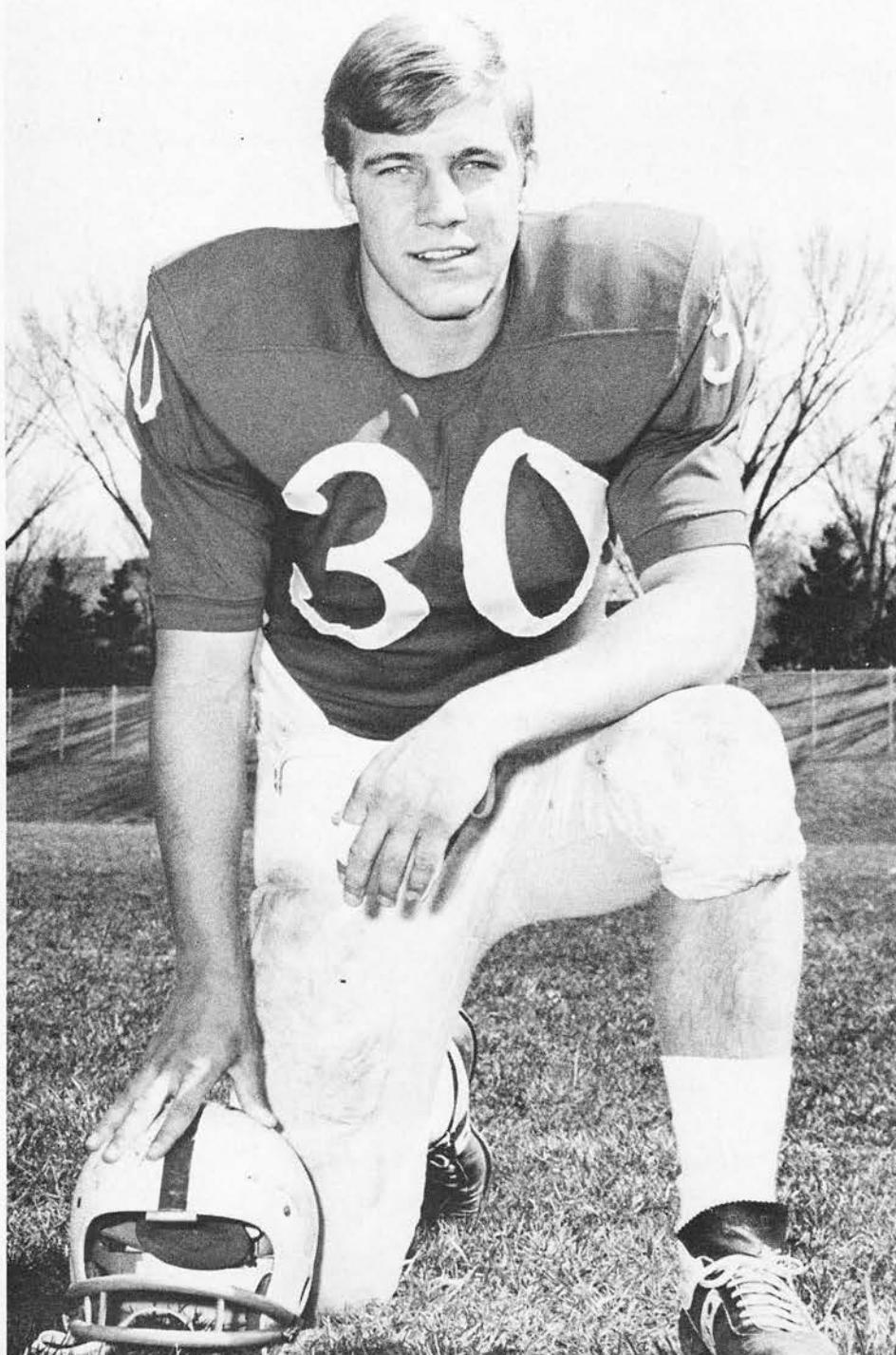
Here's how Nebraska and Kansas State match up statistically:

	NU	KS	FUMBLES /LOST	24/16	29/13			
1979 Record to Date	8-0	3-5						
Returning Starters	12	16						
1978 Overall Record	9-3	4-7	PENALTIES / YARDS	47/506	47/348			
TEAM OFFENSE								
Rushes attempted	530	391	INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE					
Yards gained	3149	1503	Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	
Yards lost	170	255	(NU) Redwine	126	925	7.3	8	
Net yards gained	2979	1248	(NU) Hipp	93	443	4.8	4	
Avg. gain per rush	5.6	3.4	(NU) Johnson	64	395	6.2	6	
Touchdowns	30	8	(NU) Franklin	67	372	5.6	2	
			(KS) Brown	109	522	4.7	4	
			(KS) Duncan	81	318	3.9	1	
Passes attempted	131	174	INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE					
Passes completed	67	94	Passing	PA	PC	PI	YDS	TD
Passes intercepted	4	13	(NU) Hager	83	44	3	672	6
Percentage	.511	.540	(NU) Quinn	45	22	1	301	1
Total Yards	986	1165	(KS) Dickey	71	42	6	570	3
Touchdowns	8	8	(KS) Paris	91	45	6	545	4
Passes caught	67	94	INDIVIDUAL OFFENSE					
Total yards	986	1165	Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.		
Avg. gain per catch	14.7	12.4	(NU) Smith	21	360	17.1	1	
Touchdowns	8	8	(NU) Miller	12	272	22.7	5	
			(KS) Liebe	14	255	18.2	1	
			(KS) Whitley	14	192	13.9	3	
TEAM DEFENSE								
Rushes attempted	290	394	INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE					
Yards gained	898	1904	Tackles	Solo	Assisted			
Yards lost	334	239	(NU) Baker	46	29			
Net yards gained	564	1665	(NU) Williams	27	23			
Avg. gain per rush	1.9	4.1	(KS) Faerber	40	32			
Touchdowns	4	11	(KS) Cole	34	36			
Passes attempted	194	156	INDIVIDUAL DEFENSE					
Passes completed	85	86	Interceptions					
Passes intercepted	11	7	(NU) LeRoy	3				
Percentage	.438	.551	(NU) Means	2				
Total yards	959	1061	(KS) Owen	2				
Touchdowns	4	2						
			Fumble Recoveries					
			(NU) Nelson	2				
			(KS) Three with 2					
PUNTING								
Number	28	44						
Yards	1132	1730						
Avg.	40.4	39.3						
Longest	61	66						

1969 SUN BOWL

Huskers Explode Behind Rogers' Toe

by Steve Pederson



For a majority of the Nebraska football team, it was their first bowl game. The Cornhuskers had endured two 6-4 years in a row, the first in the Bob Devaney era without a bowl game tagged on the end of the seasons. But in 1969 Nebraska was rolling again.

The Cornhuskers drew the University of Georgia in the 1969 Sun Bowl. And the Huskers demolished the Bulldogs 45-6. The final score is well-known, but what the Nebraska players were thinking is not. Let's go INSIDE CORNHUSKER SPORTS for a closer look at the 1969 Sun Bowl.

The men who will take us inside the 1969 Nebraska football team and the Sun Bowl game are Dana Stephenson, a Husker co-captain and defensive back, now an Omaha businessman, and Paul Rogers, the Huskers' kicker and most valuable performer in the Sun Bowl, now a stockbroker in Omaha.

At the time, Stephenson and Rogers were best friends, although the Lincoln safety was a senior and Rogers was a junior. The two had never been to a bowl game since arriving on the Lincoln campus, but as Stephenson points out, "We put it all together with a lot of good seniors and some super sophomore ball players, such as Jerry Tagge and Jeff Kinney."

The Huskers lost their opening game that year to Southern Cal, but Rogers knew this team was destined for greatness.

"We had a pretty good game against USC that year," says Rogers. "I think we knew right then that we had a good ball club and I personally couldn't foresee us losing very many ball games."

The Huskers continued to roll until they lost their first Big Eight game of the year to Missouri 17-7, but Nebraska rallied to finish as co-champions of the Big Eight and win

Paul Rogers set a Sun Bowl record that may never be broken by kicking four field goals in the first quarter, pacing the Huskers to a 45-6 romp over Georgia.



Jeff Kinney (35), then a sophomore, slashes 11 yards for a touchdown while Mike Green (34) and Paul Topliff (73) pave the way.

the invitation to the Sun Bowl.

The game that was probably the highlight of the '69 season was the 44-14 win over Oklahoma in Norman.

Rogers recalls his feelings: "What really turned us around for the next couple of years was that win over Oklahoma. The year before Oklahoma had killed us, and then we went down there and annihilated them. Steve Owens had a long string of 100-yard games and I think he only had 70 yards against us."

The Huskers were clearly the favored team in the Sun Bowl that year.

"As a captain," recalls Stephenson, "I was a little concerned before the game that the team was taking the game too lightly. In fact, that was the point I tried to get across in my captain's talk before the game. When we went down there, everyone was building up Nebraska so much, the writers and everyone, I felt kind of sorry for Georgia because at every function we went to Nebraska was highly touted."

"A lot of people referred to it as the Fun Bowl rather than the Sun Bowl. We really did have a good time and we were treated very well. It was not as prestigious as the Orange, Cotton, or Sugar bowls, but it was a great experience. There wasn't the pres-

sure on us like there would be in a national title game."

Rogers was the hero of the day. He kicked four field goals in the first quarter, setting a Sun Bowl record.

"That had to be my most successful day. Sometimes you have those exceptional days where everything comes together; everyone has had those kind of days. The thing that was most exciting was that they all came in the first quarter. That is what put the game away. Everytime we had the ball we scored, whether it was on a field goal or a touchdown."

Stephenson adds, "Anytime that you set a record it's exciting, but the thing was, he did it with such long field goals."

Rogers' kicks sailed 50, 32, 42, and 37 yards. An 11-yard touchdown run by sophomore sensation Jeff Kinney gave the Huskers an 18-0 first-quarter lead.

Rogers relates the feelings of kicker before a football game: "You get up like any other player. The difference is that you only have one shot at it, whereas a lineman may have 30 or 40 plays to make up for a mistake. You are pretty much either the hero or the scapegoat when you kick. Your sophomore year you have a feeling of relief that you didn't screw it up, your junior and

senior years it is more of a feeling of accomplishment."

How well did the Huskers play that day? "I don't think anyone in the country could have beaten us that day," says Rogers. "We were just a better ball club than Georgia was. I don't think that anyone expected the score to be that lopsided, but I think people expected us to win. We went down there with the idea that this was the reward for a great season and coach Devaney had made that clear before we ever went. We had a great attitude going into the game, even though we weren't bucking for number one or anything like that."

Stephenson recalls his thoughts: "It was really great to show that we could beat a Southeastern Conference team, especially to spank them that bad. We had an excellent crowd and I think we felt that great Nebraska tradition and we knew people expected a win."

"I think the win in that game carried right over into the 1970 season," says Rogers, "and, of course, that was the first year that we won the national championship. We had given a lot of young kids a lot of playing experience."

NEXT: 1971 Orange Bowl.

HUSKER SCORECARD

by Cathy Chown

Nebraska's premier men's gymnastics team may find itself sharing the spotlight with the NU women's team this year because, according to head women's coach Judy Schalk, the stage is set for her squad to become one of the best in the nation.

"I expect to be in the top 10 in the nation this year," Schalk says. "I'm not usually an over-optimistic person either."

The fact that the women's gymnastics program at Nebraska has done nothing but grow in the three years that Schalk has

been with it was strengthened by last year's 11th place finish at the nationals.

When Schalk started at Nebraska in the 1976-77 season, she likened the team to a physical education gymnastics program. At that time scholarships for women were just getting a foothold, and gymnastics clubs were very young in the state and had not begun to feed quality athletes to the universities.

"The strides you make when you start at zero are tremendous," Schalk says. "When there is a long way to go to the top, the

progress is obvious."

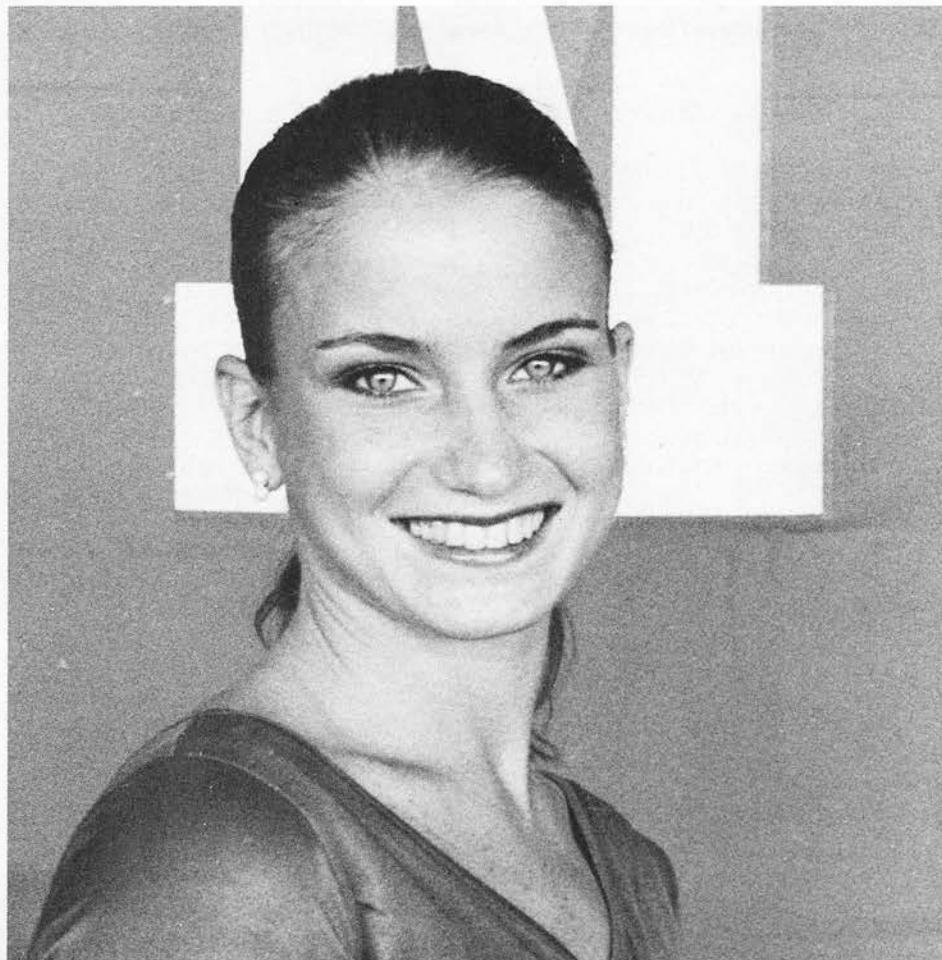
Even in her first year, Schalk's team improved over previous years, finishing second in the Big Eight and fourth at the regionals. The next year the Huskers were first in the Big Eight and third at the regionals. Last year Nebraska won the conference title again and finished second in the region. All indications would point toward Nebraska winning the Region VI crown this year.

"This is the best team I've ever had. Of course I say that every year because we've had improvement every year," she says.

Nebraska's biggest strength in 1979-80 will be its overall depth; the Huskers will have at least five performers capable of scoring this year. Finding a sixth scorer will be one of Schalk's goals.

Patty Carmichael-Gerard of Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania, returns as a senior to lead Nebraska in the all-around, while sophomore Renee Reisdorff of Omaha, Nebraska, will fill in at the number two all-around spot. Newcomers Sue Latrappa of York, Pennsylvania, and Debbie Harrison of Wilmington, Delaware, should be strong in the third and fourth scoring positions. Another freshman, Carol Schmelka of Omaha, can be counted on as a solid fifth scorer.

Last year's standout, Peggy Liddick, is gone, but Schalk believes there are enough top athletes to choose from and is confident the Huskers will be in top form when the season opens November 18 at the Iowa Invitational. **N**



Patty Carmichael-Gerard, a 5-2 senior from Montgomeryville, Pennsylvania, figures to lead the Huskers' women gymnasts into their best-ever campaign. Patty begins the season as the school record-holder in balance beam and floor exercise.

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1979 Football Schedule

DATE	NEBRASKA	IOWA STATE	KANSAS	KANSAS STATE
Sept. 8				
Sept. 15	UTAH STATE 35-14	BOWLING GREEN 38-10	at Pittsburgh 0-24	at Auburn 18-26
Sept. 22	at Iowa 24-21	at Texas 9-17	at Michigan 7-28	OREGON STATE 22-16
Sept. 29	PENN STATE 42-17	at Iowa 14-30	NORTH TEXAS STATE 37-18	at Air Force 19-6
Oct. 6	NEW MEXICO STATE 57-0	UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC 7-24	SYRACUSE 27-45	TULSA 6-9
Oct. 13	KANSAS 42-0	at Kansas State 7-3	at Nebraska 0-42	IOWA STATE 3-7
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma State 36-0	KANSAS 7-24	at Iowa State 24-7	OKLAHOMA 6-38
Oct. 27	COLORADO 38-10	at Oklahoma 9-38	OKLAHOMA STATE 17-30	at Missouri 19-3
Nov. 3	at Missouri 23-20	COLORADO 24-10	KANSAS STATE 36-28	at Kansas 28-36
Nov. 10	at Kansas State	MISSOURI	at Oklahoma	NEBRASKA
Nov. 17	IOWA STATE	at Nebraska	COLORADO	at Oklahoma State
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	MISSOURI	at Colorado

DATE	MISSOURI	COLORADO	OKLAHOMA	OKLAHOMA STATE
Sept. 8	SAN DIEGO STATE 45-15	OREGON 19-33		NORTH TEXAS STATE 25-7
Sept. 15	at Illinois 14-6	LOUISIANA STATE 0-44	IOWA 21-6	WICHITA STATE 16-6
Sept. 22	at Mississippi 33-7	DRAKE 9-13	TULSA 49-13	Arkansas at Little Rock 7-27
Sept. 29	TEXAS 0-21	at Indiana 17-16	at Rice 63-21	
Oct. 6		at Oklahoma 24-49	COLORADO 49-24	at South Carolina 16-23
Oct. 13	OKLAHOMA STATE 13-14		Texas at Dallas 7-16	at Missouri 14-13
Oct. 20	at Colorado 13-7	MISSOURI 7-13	at Kansas State 38-6	NEBRASKA 0-36
Oct. 27	KANSAS STATE 3-19	at Nebraska 10-38	IOWA STATE 38-9	at Kansas 30-17
Nov. 3	NEBRASKA 20-23	at Iowa State 10-24	at Oklahoma State 38-7	OKLAHOMA 7-38
Nov. 10	at Iowa State	OKLAHOMA STATE	KANSAS	at Colorado
Nov. 17	OKLAHOMA	at Kansas	at Missouri	KANSAS STATE
Nov. 24	at Kansas	KANSAS STATE	NEBRASKA	at Iowa State

FINAL 1978 BIG EIGHT STANDINGS

	Conference	Overall
Oklahoma	6-1	11- 1
Nebraska	6-1	9- 3
Iowa State	4-3	8- 4
Missouri	4-3	8- 4
Kansas State	3-4	4- 7
Oklahoma State	3-4	3- 8
Colorado	2-5	6- 5
Kansas	0-7	1-10

ORANGE BLOSSOM SPECIAL

Oklahoma and Nebraska continued their apparent collision course toward another Big Eight showdown. While the Huskers were nudging Missouri, OU romped to a 38-7 victory over Oklahoma State. Billy Sims was held to 71 yards rushing, but scored four touchdowns on runs of 4, 1, 1 and 11 yards. Elsewhere, Kansas bumped K-State and Iowa State smacked Colorado.

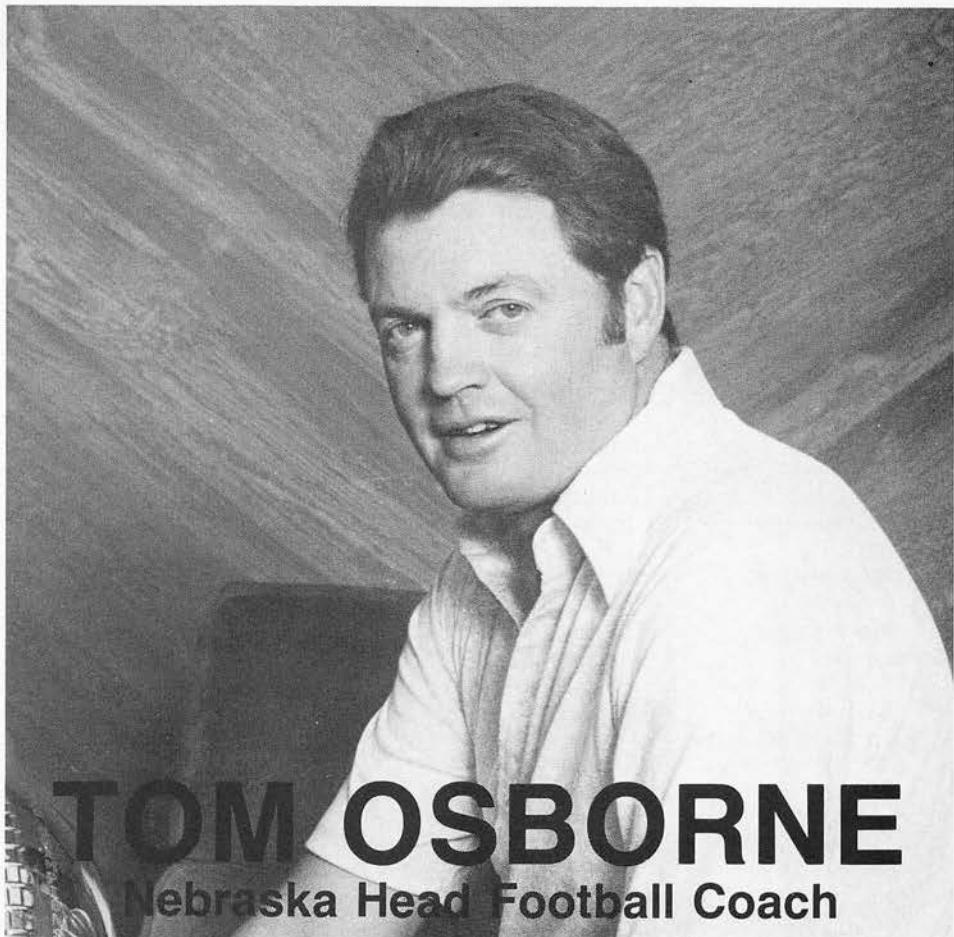
NEBRASKA

Throughout the Big Eight and the nation, the University of Nebraska is synonymous with "championship football."

Under head coach Tom Osborne, who is enjoying his seventh season as the Huskers' mentor, Nebraska has won two Big Eight titles (1975 and 1978), participated in six bowl games (1974 Cotton, 1974 Sugar, 1975 Fiesta, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet, 1977 Liberty and 1979 Orange), appeared on national television at least twice a year in the last six seasons and been ranked in the country's top 10 during Osborne's entire reign.

Nebraska's tradition easily compares to the greatness of the 1970s. Under Bob Devaney, former NU head coach (1962-72) and current athletic director, the Huskers won two national championships (1970-71) and eight conference crowns (1963-66, 1969-72). Under Devaney, they were ranked in the nation's top 10 seven times and played in nine bowl games, including three consecutive Orange Bowl contests (1971-73).

The University of Nebraska definitely means "championship football."

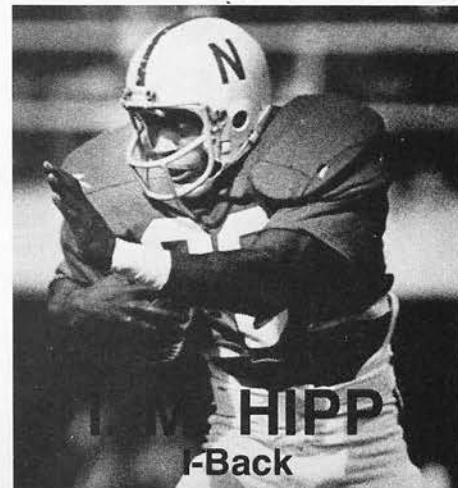
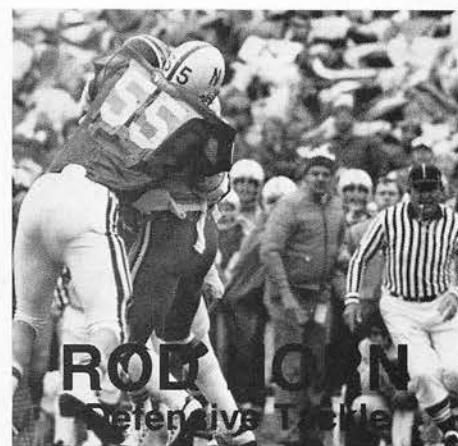


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Saturday	December 8	CREIGHTON
Tuesday	December 11	at Purdue
Thursday	December 13	CAL-BAKERSFIELD
Saturday	December 15	at Minnesota
Saturday	December 22	ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM
Thursday-Sunday	December 27-30	at Hawaii Classic (Hawaii, Nebraska, Army, Illinois, Louisville, Nevada-Reno, Princeton, Wisconsin)
Wednesday	January 2	at Idaho
Friday	January 4	WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH
Saturday	January 5	ANGELO STATE
Wednesday	January 9	at Iowa State
Saturday	January 12	MISSOURI
Wednesday	January 16	KANSAS
Saturday	January 19	at Colorado
Wednesday	January 23	OKLAHOMA STATE
Saturday	January 26	at Kansas State
Wednesday	January 30	OKLAHOMA
Saturday	February 2	at Missouri
Tuesday	February 5	at Kansas
Saturday	February 9	IOWA STATE
Wednesday	February 13	at Oklahoma State
Saturday	February 16	COLORADO
Wednesday	February 20	KANSAS STATE
Saturday	February 23	at Oklahoma
Tuesday	February 26	First Round — Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Campus Sites)
Friday	February 29	Semifinals — at Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Kansas City)
Saturday	March 1	Final — at Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Kansas City)
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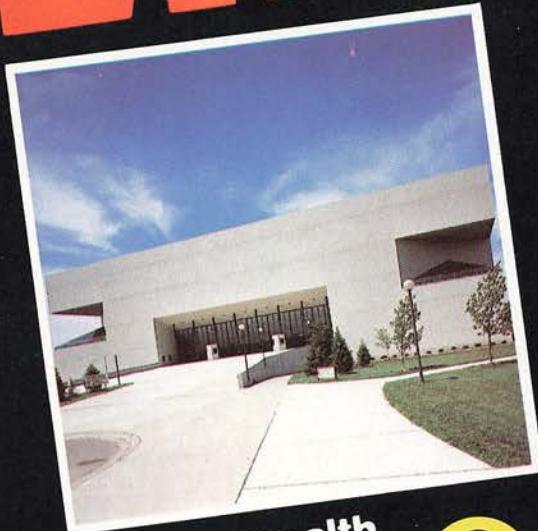
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